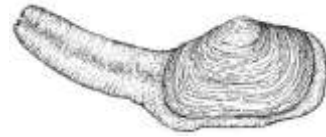

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas, as described in the September 14, 2012 geoduck fishery news release, will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 25, 2012:**

District 1:

Foggy Bay (Subdistrict 101-23-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 23,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Slate Island (Subdistrict 101-23-004): including the SARDFa enhancement site, will be open for a remaining harvest of 10,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams, **the Slate Island mariculture site described in the September 14, 2012, geoduck fishery news release will remain closed;**

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 20,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

District 3:

East San Fernando Island (Subdistrict 103-60-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 32,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Blanquital Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 45,300 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Palisades Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-006): will be open for a remaining harvest of 38,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

St. Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will be open for a remaining harvest of 145,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Districts 3 & 4:

Cone Island South and Paloma Pass (Subdistricts 103-50-006, 104-35-006): will be open for a remaining harvest of 15,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 26, 2012 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2512.

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